

REMARKS

The title is amended to be in conformance with the translation of the International Application.

The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the Japanese priority applications.

The specification has been amended to clarify a common term. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Claims 1-6 have been amended to more clearly claim the present invention. Claims 7-9 have been added to reintroduce the subject matter canceled from claims 1, 3, and 5. No new matter is added by this amendment.

The Abstract has been amended to conform to US practice. No new matter is added.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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